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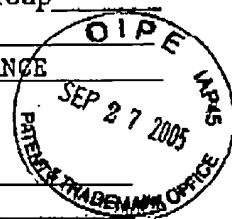
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Attached is a response filed on Sept. 27, 2005 which did not make its way to the file of this application.

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In re Application of:

SOPHIE GAUBERT et al

Group Art Unit: 1615

Serial No.: 10/069,050

Examiner: G.S. Kishore

Filed: March 7, 2002

For: COMPOSITION TO BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH MUCOUS MEMBRANE

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants' attorney is appreciative of the interview granted by Examiner Kishore to the undersigned and to inventor Rene Laversanne on August 29, 2005.

Claims 16-17, 21-29 and 31 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by De Haan et al. De Haan et al is alleged to teach intra-nasal administration of multilamellar vesicles containing influenza viral sub-units.

The claimed invention is directed to administration of multilamellar vesicles with an onion-like structure having an internal liquid crystal structure formed by a stack of concentric bilayers based on amphiphilic agents alternating with layers of water, an aqueous solution or a solution of polar liquid. As was discussed at the interview, De Haan discloses the use of conventional liposomes, whereas the claimed invention is directed to the use of multilamellar vesicles as disclosed in the Roux et al reference, US